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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 22, 2013**  
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The North Providence School Committee met on May 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. McNamee, Ms. Jacques and Mr. Henneous. Mr. Milazzo was present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-(4)&(5) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Palmieri and carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. The open session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence dedicated to one of the students who was killed, Justin Santiago and the Oklahoma tragedy.**

## **III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION+ MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

**The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Superintendent Smith read correspondence dated May 1, 2013 from Lou Lariviere and**

**David Hendricks regarding the North Providence Environmental Commission Earth Day cleanup. They thanked all of those who supported the cleanup including the 25 participants who volunteered.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. Superintendent's Communication.**

**First was the SADD presentation (Students Against Destructive Behavior). Ms. Judge, Student Assistance Counselor, spoke about the goals of the program. Next, NP High School students spoke about the various events that the students held during the year and each gave a short slide presentation illustrating the events. Superintendent Smith thanked them for their inspiring presentation and members of the Committee offered congratulations and applause.**

**Next was the 2013 Teacher of the Year. Superintendent Smith read the list of the teachers selected for each of the schools and presented each with certificates and applause. Next, the winner of the 2013 North Providence Teacher, Louise Bello, was announced and presented with flowers and a plaque. Members offered congratulations and applause.**

**Next was the VHS Presentation. Ms. Lisi and Ms. Rioles spoke about the virtual high school encompassing 700 schools participating in global learning. The program includes live lectures and VHS learning. Ms. Rioles spoke about the courses.**

**Next was the Get Schooled in Anaphylaxis Challenge presented by Lillian Paniccia from Ricci Middle School.**

**Next was the Middle School Library Update. Superintendent Smith spoke about the Library Media position and Ms. Jacques and Ms. Bowers spoke about the information in the School Committee packets regarding the Librarian schedule and the Discovery Learning.**

**Some of the students who were experimenting with the program spoke about what they learned through their participation. Members of the Committee thanked the students for their presentation and offered applause. Next, members asked questions and offered comments regarding the proposed position as the best use of the financial resources for the District.**

## **2. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. The motion**

**carried by unanimous consent.**

### **3. Home Schooling.**

**No requests were received.**

### **4. Field Trips.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the field trips as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Andreozzi and carried to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **5. Donation of Unused Book Inventory.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Donation of Unused Book Inventory as submitted.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Donation of Unused Book Inventory as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **6. Reorganization of The Technology Department.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Reorganization Plan for the Technology Department Plan as discussed in Executive**

**Session. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried to approve the Reorganization Plan for the Technology Department as discussed in Executive Session. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **7. Obsolete Computer Equipment.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Obsolete Computer Equipment List as submitted. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Obsolete Computer Equipment List as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **8. Cafeteria Upgrade.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Cafeteria Upgrade as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Cafeteria Upgrade as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **9. Recommended Employee Terminations.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Employee Terminations as discussed in Executive Session. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried to approve the Employee Terminations as discussed in Executive Session. The**

**motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

### **1. Funding for Lacrosse Team - Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri asked Mr. Williams to speak about the LaCrosse Team article in the Breeze. Mr. Williams spoke about Mr. Morrison's request to see if there was enough interest in a Lacrosse team and the fact that this year, there were enough kids to put a team together and purchase uniforms through fundraising efforts. Mr. Morrison spoke about how the team came about. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Picard to look into the feasibility of adding the funding for the Lacrosse Team to the budget. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **2. Interest in Girls Middle School Soccer – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri spoke about asking Superintendent Smith to look into the feasibility of adding a Girls' Middle School Soccer Team and the survey results.**

### **3. + 4. Early Dismissal/Leaving Early for Special Events – Mrs. Picard/Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mrs. Picard and Mr. Palmieri spoke about the issue of Early Dismissal/Leaving Early for Special Events and requested clarification of the protocol used at the High School. Mr. Goho spoke about the fact that there are no “throw away days” or “movie days”. However, some parents ask for early dismissal for their children. The students must be present for at least 1/2 of the day. Members asked questions and offered comments.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

**No requests were received.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Bids.**

**No bids were received.**

### **2. Resignations.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Resignation as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to grant advice and consent to**

**the Resignation as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **3. Retirements.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the**

**Retirements submitted by Michelle Comella – Elementary School Secretary – Stephen Olney Elementary School Effective June 17, 2013, Colleen Ferri – Elementary Grade 3 Teacher – Stephen Olney Elementary School Effective July 1, 2013, and Elaine Villari – ESL Teacher – McGuire Elementary School Effective at the End of the 2012/2013 School Year. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to grant advice and consent to the Retirements as submitted with regret. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **4. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Leaves of Absence as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **6. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Summer ESY – 2012/2013 Appointments as follows: Coordinator of Special Education Programs – Ralph Montella and Jane Sciotti, Summer Guidance Counselor Middle/Secondary – Russell Paone, Summer Elementary Special Educators – Heather Coffee – Grade 2 (2/3), Kim DeCellio – Grade 1, Tina Trovato – Self/Contained Grades 1-4, and Lynne Vannase – Grade 4, Summer Preschool Special Educators – Kerry Donahue –PreK-Kindergarten, David Radcliff – Pre-K, Summer Special Educators – Middle/High School – Nicole Salvo – Middle – Grades 6, 7 & 8 and Gail Wulff – Grade 5, Summer Special Educatos – Middle/High School – Frank DeSimone – Amanda Merluzzo (1:1 Special Assignment) – Middle School Grades 6, 7 & 8, Speech/Language Pathologist – Judy Cambio and Kristin Gilmore, Summer Occupational Therapist – Kathy Niedfeldt, Summer School Nurse/Teacher – Janet Gasparri and Kelly Nesbitt, Summer Pre-School Special Educator (PM) – David Radcliff, Summer Educational Evaluator (K-12) Lynn Vanasse, Summer School Psychologist – Paula Anderson, Summer School Social Worker – Roselyn Lonardo, Summer Special Educator (Excluding Pre-School) – Elementary/Middle/Secondary (ET, IEP) – Maria Marasco, and Summer Special Educator – ESY Substitute Teacher – Amanda Graziano and Danielle Brien. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to grant advice and consent to the Appointments as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**The Chair asked the appointees to stand and receive recognition and applause.**

## **7. Displacements.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Displacements as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the Displacements as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **8. Involuntary Transfer(s).**

**There were no involuntary transfers.**

## **5. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Layoff(s)/Non-Renewals as Submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Layoffs/Non-Renewals as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **9. Layoff Recision(s).**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Layoff Recision(s) as submitted. Motion by**

**Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Layoff Recision(s) as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

**No Old Business was presented.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the May 2013 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the May 2013 List of Bills as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the April 24, 2013 School Committee Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2013 and April 24, 2013 School Committee Meetings as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**No public comments were received.**

### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**No pending business was discussed.**

### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci**

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee:**

**Date Approved by the Committee:**